

Old Stone School House
Greenwich, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Owner: William Mulford

Date of Erection: 1810

Architect:

Builder: Borough of Greenwich

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone

Inside chimney

Interior walls - plaster

Floors - random width

Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

The Old Stone School of Greenwich is the oldest school house of Cumberland County. It was built on land that was never conveyed with the proviso that the building was to go to the owner when it was no longer used as a school. It has been used for many purposes. It is said that the militia of the War of 1812 assembled within its walls and drilled on its grounds. This is supposed to have been before it was fully equipped as a school

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house. It was used also as a cabinet-maker's shop; it served as an undertaking establishment. For a time, the Election Board of the borough used it as a polling station. Then it was used as a meeting house for services; at the present it is unoccupied.

The survey party, while measuring the shutters and doors which are of an inch and a half cedar slab, discovered an unusual method of joinery. It was found that the slabs were joined with dowels and no battons were used and that the wrought iron strap hinges had been rivetted to each slab.

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